

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## The Dayspring From On High Hath Visited Us Please Remember Easter April The Eighth The Day Set To Close The Great Financial Drive - -

### EQUIPMENT FOR THE MINISTRY

Roy E. Blackwood

Scripture Reading Eph. 4:15-16.  
But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things which is the head, even Christ.

The ranks of the ministry is filled with men of various talents and gifts. It is not brilliancy that God recognizes, but it is service. If you cannot be a wonder worker, you can be a little light to the path of some traveller or an armour-bearer to stand by some other worker.

It is not altogether splendid talents, or deep culture that constitutes efficiency in the body of Christ. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived they were unlearned and ignorant men they marvelled, and they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. Ignorance is no disgrace, neither is it any honor. There are other ways we can let folks know that we have been with Jesus much better. Remember the Apostle, Paul was a cultured man and God could use him to an advantage before the noble of earth to both convince and stop the mouths of the gain-sayers; yet Paul preached the Gospel not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that their faith should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God.

We see big pin-whiskered men sitting up in the seminaries of our land passing as a Christian professor or doctor of divinity who profess to teach our young ministers of today the doctrine of Jesus Christ, but the facts are, the majority of them are relying on the head altogether and are undermining the faith of Jesus Christ, and are spitting out lots of damnable heresies and have just about enough religion to float their fallacies into the minds of young ministers. Then when that young minister gets out on the field of labor, he knows nothing but to deliver an essay packed full of big words that would take a "Philadelphia Lawyer" to determine just what the thought is the speaker wishes to convey.

Such preaching, as a general rule, only feeds the head and very seldom ever reaches the heart. Away with this hellish, concoct, kid glove, starched way of preaching that has been instituted to take the place of the Holy Ghost, the third person of the trinity that took up the reins of government on the day of pentecost. If he can be the administrator and have full sway, heaven will swing low, the glory will come and apostolic results will be seen.

The overwhelming need of the hour is Spirit-filled, blood-washed, fire baptized messengers of God to climb up

### HERE ARE THE STARS AGAIN

WE HOPE THEY WILL DISAPPEAR APRIL 8TH

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

We will leave the stars out of the paper at different times, because of running them too often will wear them out. Also it might become monotonous to some to see them every week.

The churches are working at the one dollar a member plan, they will begin sending in a little later then we will begin to cut out the stars.

Remember the drive is to close on Easter Sunday, April 8. This gives about four months for even the poorest member to get a dollar at only 25 cents a month. Any little boy or girl can raise this much.

on the wall as God's watchmen to describe the estate of man, the character of life, the peril of the soul and preach hell hot, life short, death sure, eternally long and heaven beautiful. This is no time for dodging issues, or altering or modifying the message, but the Gospel needs to be preached in its pureness and in its fullness, a hundred proof and a thousand strong, red hot, snow white and sky blue.

Do not understand me to say all you have to do is just open your mouths and the Lord will fill it. God expects us to study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. As Brother Jernigan stated in his article some time ago God can and will help you at your desk as much as in the pulpit. Fletcher stained the wall of his study-room with the breath of his prayers. The man who is used as an instrument does not receive the glory, and is not recognized as the worker, but simply as the instrument. As Richard Baxter has put it so wisely, "Each of us is just a pen in the hand of God, and what honor is there in a pen?" If you were going to plow a piece of ground, you could plow better with a sharp plow than a very dull one, so with God, He can use us to much more greater advantage if we have our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel. Extemporaneous speaking is more effective, persuasive and emotional than any other variety of sermons or addresses but we must know a thing before we can tell it intelligently so it will have its proper effect on the congregation. Although there has been a growing tendency for preachers to drift into a form and the devil of formality has murdered Spirituality to a great extent.

Spiritual battles are as real as military battles and as it is necessary for the soldiers in military service to have the necessary equipment for the battle, such as ammunition, guns of various kinds, a captain to give orders etc. so we as soldiers of the Cross must be equipped with the fire and the Holy Ghost to successfully operate the big machine gun (the Word of God).

There is enough ammunition between the lids of the Bible to kill every devil ever born out of hell, if properly operated. We are in God's army, under the banner of Jesus Christ, and have Him for our Captain. The battle is set in array and the ministers of old North Carolina are bomb-shelling Satan's ranks, and while the devil is growling the saints are shouting.

The text says we should speak the truth in love. In order to speak the truth, we must first know what the truth is. Many preachers get up in the

pulpit loaded with lots of hard, harsh, human expressions and fleshly sayings that have a tendency to drive away their congregations instead of drawing them closer and when they fail to have a revival they say "These people are case hardened and bound for hell." My brother, there is a lot of difference in preaching the truth of God's Word and human ideas, and too what you said perhaps was true in a way, but some things are lawful that are not expedient. When you drive away your congregation, what have you accomplished? The minister of the Gospel is in a responsible position. He is dealing with the most precious thing in this world—the soul of man. We are trying to get men, women, boys and girls ready for the judgment, and if we will speak the truth in love it will have a far more reaching effect than if we do not apply the truth in love.

I firmly believe if we ministers could more fully realize that when we are in the stand preaching that we are making a "public" proclamation of the words we speak, we would put in more time thinking what we should say before hand. As a usual thing the fellow that does not believe in preparation for a message before time to deliver it, is the skinning kind—hit or miss.

For the last few years I have watched with an eager eye the success and failures of ministers of our own ranks, as well as elsewhere, and my personal experiences have contributed valuable information and thrown light on the subject and I have concluded that the need of the hour is more prayerful study of the Word of God to be preached in love and less anecdotes carried on in vaudeville style, and that we should not jump too quickly to a conclusion when things are before us for consideration, but weigh carefully evidence from every angle before rendering a decision on any matter. Many times our ministers only after hearing one side of an affair will express themselves on the matter too quickly which causes the other parties concerned to think you are biased and question your ability to handle the affair or to determine

which or what is right, and you could not blame them; consequently your influence is hurt perhaps with the ones standing on the right side. As well as being energetic, we should be very considerate on all lines, so as to retain the confidence of both parties concerned, if possible. Of course, sometimes after due consideration of a matter, when you render your decision some folks will turn against you for a while because they were so set and fixed in their pre-conceived ideas, but time will bring this all out.

A minister of the Gospel should be esteemed very highly for his works' sake by his congregation; but the preacher must steer clear of reproach by keeping himself clear of old debts, and be sure your grocery bill and house rent is paid etc. or at least your creditors satisfied.

The ministers are to be examples of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity, and too the minister, when he preaches the truth in love he must by all means practice it. I don't know what to think of a preacher that will preach tithes and receive them and will not then pay tithes himself. I firmly believe his (or her) license should be revoked.

We are to grow up into Him in all things. The text says the Scribes and Pharisees were called hypocrites by Jesus, because they would not measure up on all lines. They would pray their long, dry, decorated, flowered-up prayers on the street corners to be seen of men and look sad enough to make an undertaker weep. They would fast twice a week and pay their tithes of mint and anise and cummin. Cummin is an animal plant whose seeds have a bitterish warm taste, with an aromatic flavor. Mint is an aromatic plant which produces a highly orderiferous and pungent essential oil. Anise also is an animal plant that grows, naturally in Egypt and is cultivated in Spain and Malta whence the seeds are imported. The stalk rises a foot and a half high dividing into slender branches, garnished with narrow segments. Anise seed have an aromatic smell, and a pleasant, warm (Continued on page two)

### CHEER UP BOYS, VICTORY IS SURE!

Every one said to his brother, Be of good courage

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Only recently I received a very precious letter from an (old war-horse) minister of the Gospel, giving me some good advice. In this he intimated that I was not making enough effort to encourage the faint-hearted, discouraged saints of God. To this I would like to say to my dear brethren if I am falling on this line it is an error of the head and not the heart, because I know, and God knows that my heart of love and sympathy is for my brethren. I know that it is true that many were discouraged while the great cloud was hanging over the Church. They hardly knew which way to look or what to do.

I suppose the Lord wanted to test me out to the finish and threw me right in the midst of it. I am still alive and have salvation, but it may be that I have had more prayers prayed in my behalf than some of you. I certainly appreciate the prayers, and in answer to these I sincerely hope that God will give unto me a greater capacity for loving and blessing humanity.

I would be glad if I could today take every discouraged soul by the hand and speak an encouraging word that would lift you up and press you on toward the goal.

#### Co-Workers We Are

Dear Brethren we are co-workers in this great cause. We are supposed to go hand in hand. David said, Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. The margin says dwell even together in unity. In this we get the thought of how the soldiers form a line in battle, everyone toting a mark, everyone having the same kind of uniform and war equipment. Now we are soldiers together in this great battle. If each of us have the Holy Ghost we are clothed with the same kind of uniform. We have the same kind of a sword, shield, breast-plate and are shod with the same kind of shoes. We are following the same Captain who will lead us to certain victory if we fall not by the wayside.

The promise is to the faithful, and as Paul admonished the brethren to be strong, we also take up the strain and cry out to every faint-hearted brother, Be strong in the Lord my brother, be strong!

#### Let US Hoist The Ladder

We have just emerged from the smoke of a great conflict and I am sure that every soldier is glad that we can breathe better since we do not have to breathe the oppressive air of lawsuits, but rather the balmy breeze off the shores of the glory-land. Then we should equally enjoy our freedom. O my brother why should we grieve over the slurs or scorn of the enemy of our souls. Let us rise from quick-sands of despair, shake ourselves, and go forward to

the work of the Lord with greater determination than ever before. Who will do it? Come on boys let's go. I tell you that the great Captain is expecting something of everyone of us. We are co-laborers in this great cause.

Yonder was a fire in the large city, and the firemen flung their ladders together and went up in their brave fashion to the topmost story to rescue the people in such peril, and one after another was rescued by the brave ladders. Now yonder is a white face at that upper window, and they wrapped something about one of the fire ladders, and breasting the fierce flames, he went again to that window and put a robe around the little woman and started down; but they saw him tremble as the fire raged around him, and it seemed that he would fall with his precious burden, but the fire chief called to his men: "Cheer him boys! Cheer him boys!" and they cheered him, cheer after cheer, and heart came back, and he came down with a precious life. Oh you and I are to give our lives to cheering a needy world! Ponder this beautiful sentence from Isaiah "They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage."—George W. Truett, D. D.

Why not every minister feel that you are a fireman for the Lord? Let us run and rescue men and women, and as Jude says, "Save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."

Yes we are to rescue them as brands from the burning. We may have to go thru much smoke and fiery trials to do this, but Brother let us be of good courage and keep pressing the fight.

As the firemen put their ladders together and kept ascending until a precious soul was rescued from the burning, so also let us put our prayers together and ascend to the throne of grace until we can raise a shout that another soul is saved.

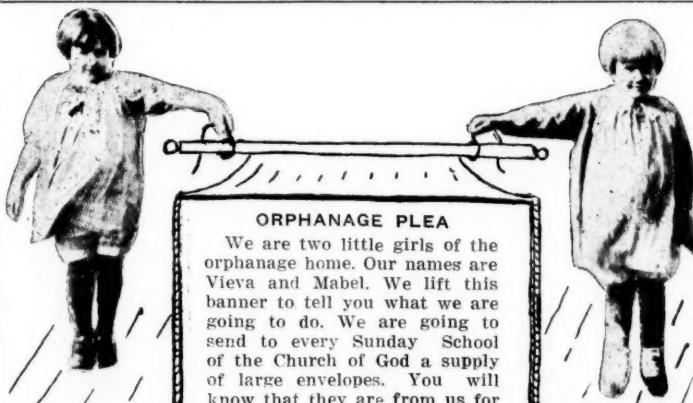
There is no time to give away to discouragement or little pettish whims, we must arise, go forward under the mighty hand of our great Captain and expect Him to give us grace for every occasion, whether to preach the Gospel or to stand firm in the time of severe trials.

Now may the dear Lord bless all of His ministers and supply their needs both temporally and Spiritually, and give you greater success in your efforts for His cause this coming year than ever before. Amen.

### GLAD OF HAVING BEEN AT THE ASSEMBLY

LIBERTY, Miss.—Just a few lines to the Evangel readers. I want to say a few words about the 22nd Annual Assembly. It was the best meeting I have ever been in. I am thanking our God for the opportunity of being there. I can't tell all about it, but I can think about it.

There was love, unity and fellowship manifested during the Assembly. I was glad to see a good number from old Mississippi. Many of the North Carolina saints asked us to write to them, so I will take this method of writing to all. We surely did feel welcome with them and pray that the Lord will bless each one of them. Pray for us.—M. D. Laimore and wife.



Vieve Adams

Mabel Peterson

#### ORPHANAGE PLEA

We are two little girls of the orphanage home. Our names are Vieve and Mabel. We lift this banner to tell you what we are going to do. We are going to send to every Sunday School of the Church of God a supply of large envelopes. You will know that they are from us for you will see our pictures on them holding this banner. The banner will tell you of some of our needs.

#### OUR NEED

We need money to buy food and raiment. Also we need money to lift the debt from our home.  
O who will lend a helping hand?  
As we for this institution take a stand.  
And lift this banner that you may read,  
And learn of us our every need.

The above pictures are two little girls of the Orphanage. We will soon send to the Sunday Schools envelopes for the teachers to use in soliciting for the Orphanage. Full instructions will be printed on these envelopes, also a certificate granting privilege of soliciting.

On the envelope will be a list of premiums offered to those who enter this part of the Lord's work.

F. J. Lee.

#### DECISION

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,  
Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,  
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light."—J. R. Lowell.



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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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We had with us last week our State Overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, who preached at South Cleveland and Keners' Tabernacle Sunday.

The people at this place are planning for a Christmas program to be on Friday night before Christmas.

Please remember our orphans during the Christmas season. These little ones are expecting God's people to send them in many things to make them happy.

We hear good reports from the work in Chattanooga, and in fact, from all over the field. God is blessing His people for which we are truly glad.

I am offering as a prize a nice Bible, one of the best in the House, an Oxford, Teachers' Scofield or a Holman, to the one who sends in the largest number of subscriptions to the Evangel during January, February and March.

**SHOUTING ALL ALONG THE LINE**

You do not believe in shouting? Do you believe the Bible? Have you searched the Scriptures upon this subject? There was shouting when the world was created. There was shouting when Christ was born in Bethlehem. There has been shouting all along the line of march from Pentecost till now.

There has been shouting at millions of death-beds. There has been shouting on the rock, shouting in prison, and will be when the world is on fire, and the elements melt with fervent heat. There will be shouting when "the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God." And when the graves give up their dead, and the followers of Jesus who are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet God in the air; when the ransomed of the Lord return to Zion; when the gates shall lift their heads for the King of Glory and all the hosts of the redeemed—there will be shouting then. Yes, refined lady, shouting right in the best society, of the universe. Shouting in the temple, in the palace, on the walls, in the streets, over the crystal sea, far out upon the utmost verge of light—there will be shouting like the voice of great multitudes like the noise of many waters.—Selected.

**Determined To See Jesus Face To Face**

EMORY, Tex.—We are just thanking and praising God for saving sanctifying and filling us with the Holy Ghost and for a determination to go on until we see Jesus face to face. We are glad that He added us to the dear old Church of God in time for us to be at the camp meeting at Weatherford, Texas and meet so many good saints. We found sweet fellowship with them.

When we left the camp meeting to hold a meeting at Lane, God wonderfully blessed us. We set a church in order there after a three weeks meeting, with fifteen members. All are in good standing. They have a Sunday School and three prayer meetings a week, also a Bible study. I was with them one week ago and all were on fire for the Lord.

We want everyone to pray for Lane that the folks there will hold out faithful to the end. Four were baptized later. I am loving the little lambs everywhere I go. God is blessing us in our work. I want to see this dear old Church go up some day.

**NOTICES :: SPECIALS**

We expect to have all day service and dinner on the ground at the Church of God, Sulphur Springs, Fla. Everyone that can, come and be with us and help us magnify the name of the Lord. He is blessing in a wonderful way. Folks are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for us that the Lord will open up the way so we can build us a church.—Lula L. Jones, Pastor.

I want a two-horse farm with tools and team furnished in a community where wheat is grown in Tennessee, some place near a Church of God.—W. A. Capshaw, Pruden, Tenn.

We expect to begin a revival at Oak Grove, Alabama December 24th. Every body is welcome, especially those near by. We are looking for a good time in the Lord. Pray much for this meeting.—R. L. and Minnie Puke, Warrior, Ala.

To the Churches of God in North Carolina:

This, I trust will serve to notify the churches in North Carolina that J. M. Snyder, Kannapolis, North Carolina has been duly appointed as treasurer of the Mission Fund in this State. All churches remember to raise if possible five percent as much Mission as is paid in tithes, and send to the treasurer at the above address who will forward 50 percent of the total amount sent in to the General Secretary.—Roy E. Blackwood, State Overseer.

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I want the saints everywhere to pray for me that I may get complete victory over sin, and especially pray for my wicked husband that he may be converted and walk in the light of this Gospel age. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated. Once before we sent a request, but did not get complete victory.—Your sister in Christ Middlesboro Ky.

To the preachers and churches of Ala.—

I have about supplied all the churches as far as I can hear, with pastors, and now I feel a few instructions to both pastors and churches to be timely. We should all feel very zealous for the Cause of Christ and His church, using our means and efforts for the success of the Cause. Every pastor should feel the success of His church depends on his faithfulness in all the departments of church work, by precept and example. The Church as individuals should feel that a great responsibility rests upon you. Then both should labor together in peace and harmony and God will bless.

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**PREACHERS NEEDED ON THE FIELD**

W. PALM BEACH, Fla.—I have just been reading the Evangel, I have been wondering why some good red hot holiness preacher, I mean Church of God preacher, doesn't come to West Palm Beach. Seems like someone could slip off down here for about thirty days. I truly believe that there is a great harvest for some good Church of God minister, if they will only come this way.

There is a Church at Riviera about three miles north of here, but it is run down and they haven't a pastor. There is a good Church at Lake Worth, about seven miles south of here, so you see what few members are in West Palm Beach have to go to Lake Worth or Riviera to Church. I believe there is a lot of good material here for some Holy Ghost filled preacher.

I have prayed and prayed that God would send some one to West Palm Beach who would preach the unadulterated Word of God. If you have a tent and the Holy Ghost (don't come if you haven't got the Holy Ghost) just come on. I believe great things will happen if the Lord puts it on your heart to come. I want to see a revival in which the power of God will almost shake the town. Praise God, I believe it is coming. I have been praying for about two years and I believe the Lord is going to answer my prayers. I feel the fire burning just now.—S. R. Williams, 2307 S. Pruce St.

ELDORADO, Ill.—I promised the dear Lord if He would heal me of tonsillitis I would praise Him through the Evangel. I am praising the dear Lord this morning for saving my soul, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I have a dear daughter in this way, seven children are out in sin. I desire your prayers that I may stay humble.—Mrs. Susie Alexander, 1011 Seattle St.

Pray for us. May God bless our editor and all the readers of the Evangel.—O. B. Bolton and wife.

boas, but your servant to help and sympathize with you in your labors and struggles, and stands ready to advise and assist in every way he can. We should not let selfish motives get in the way. We are in a warfare and if we are good soldiers we will have to suffer some hardships. The small churches that are struggling for existence is where help is needed. I have found by long experience, if the ministry will seek out these places and get your eyes off of money and easy places, God will wonderfully bless your efforts and supply all the money you need. Seek the hard places and God will make it easy for you.

I notice quite a number of preachers did not report to headquarters in September and October. Now I want to insist that we don't let this happen again. I am going to pay strict attention to this matter, and it will have a great bearing on your record as a minister. If you have nothing to report, send it in and write across it nothing to report.

All ministers are required to tithe. If you are receiving tithes they have already been tithed, but all offerings and money earned outside of the ministry should be tithed. Tithes of offerings are to be sent to headquarters and tithes of money earned outside of the ministry is to be paid to the church of which you are a member. All church treasurers should send one tenth of the tithes to headquarters and not less than one tenth to the state overseer, balance to pastor. All members should pay tithes in the local church and God will bless you for it, if you give it as unto the Lord. The last Assembly ruled that each church should raise one fifth as much for missions as the church pays tithes. For example: if the church pays fifty dollars tithes per month, you should raise two dollars and fifty cents for missions. Half of this amount is to be sent to headquarters for mission use and half kept in the state for the same purpose. Wouldn't it be fine if we had five hundred dollars in our Alabama Treasury so we could send some of you boys in new places and let you go, feeling there is money enough to take care of you if the work should fail to support you? So get the spirit of the thing and let's work it. Send our half to R. E. Aldridge, Boaz, Ala. who is treasurer of this fund for Alabama. Doubtless you have already noticed the call thru the Evangel, asking every member or an average of every member to pay one dollar for paying the indebtedness of the church. Some perhaps, can give ten or twenty dollars to make up for some who cannot pay anything. Let every preacher stress this and do not let up until you get your quota. Boaz church has already paid theirs so come on Alabama and let's all work together and make this the greatest year in our lives. I will get around to see you as soon as practicable. Humbly your servant.—S. J. Heath, Overseer of Ala.

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**PRAISE GOD FOR HEALING**

LARKINSVILLE, Ala.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for His wonderful healing power. I had a boil in my head and I surely did suffer with it. My eyes would just ache. One day I went down on my knees and asked the Lord to heal me. I told Him I would give Him the glory for it and He healed me. I am praising Him for this morning.

I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and on my way to glory. I want all who read this to pray for me to hold on to the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Emma Wilkins.

**Schoolfield Still On The Move For God**

SCHOOLFIELD, Va.—I just want to add a few words to let you know that Schoolfield is still on the map and move for God. We have just closed a ten days meeting with our pastor, Brother F. W. Anderson in charge. He was at his best. There were about four or five saved; one or two reclaimed and the Church greatly built up.

We all love Brother Anderson. He preaches the Word in its fullness. Please pray for my wife that she may be saved and healed. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray for me and my family. Your brother for God and His Church.—H. M. Burchett, 45 Jackson Ave.

BEASLEY, Mo.—I want to sound a note of praise through the paper to our Lord the one who came to our rescue. He healed my baby of a spasm. The saints prayed for her, and the Lord touched her body. When we obey Him, He will come to our rescue.

I am praising God for His love and goodness to me, and for His mighty healing power. Please pray that we will stay in the center of the Lord's will, and be ready to do whatever He desires for us to do.—R. E. Shaw.

**REQUEST**

I ask all the praying people to please pray for a poor girl. Pray for a lost soul.—A soul in need, Somerset, Ky.

R. E. Winsett, Chattanooga, Tenn., requests prayer for the healing of his wife's body. She has cancer of the stomach and says God is her only hope.

**GOD WILL NOT STRIVE WITH MAN ALWAYS**

SANTA FE, Fla.—I am feeling my dependence on an all wise Spirit that moved on the waters before He spoke light into existence. It is God's Spirit that strives with dying mankind all the day long, but His loving Spirit will not strive with man always. He has been striving with me for seven years. I was sanctified but disobeyed and backslid. I was reclaimed two and one-half years ago, but failed to pay tithes and my home has been destroyed by a backslidden companion who is seeking the god of this world.

Dear people join me in prayer that all will work out for the glory of Jesus. He healed my little babe twice when it was almost lifeless. God is a most wonderful God. Bless His name forever. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him. Dear people, pray for me. I am trusting God for both soul and body.

Pray for my eyes. I am almost blind with cataracts. Eye specialists have said that my eyes would have to be split to the center of the ball. Oh, I know God can do the work. I am giving Him my case. Go to God for me.—W. L. Elliott.

**MUST OVERCOME TO ENTER THE KINGDOM**

MENDENHALL, Miss.—I am praising God for His wonderful power. I thank Him for picking me up out of the deep ruts of sin and placing my feet on higher ground. He has filled and thrilled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. He saw fit to give me the blessed promise on the 19th day of June.

He has blessed me in so many ways that I can hardly praise Him enough. There are seven at Mendenhall who are filled with the Holy Ghost. We have a wonderful time, have prayer meeting twice a week. The Lord has healed in many ways and wonderfully blessed us.

Brothers Lentz, Dunnaway and Johnson have been with us. We hope to have someone else with us soon. My five sisters and I have the Holy Ghost and my father, and mother, and several others are seeking the promise. Please pray for this little band that we might hold up the blood stained banner of Jesus.

I haven't taken any medicine since I received the Holy Ghost. Oh, the Lord has done so much for me and I feel that I haven't done anything for Him. I am twelve years of age, but only a six months old babe in Christ. I want to win souls and lead them to the light of holiness. I have many temptations as I go to school, but we have to overcome these if we ever enter the great kingdom. I covet your prayers that I might grow stronger in the Lord and do His will until He comes or calls.—Lanch Mae Coney.

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**THE BIBLE PLAN IS WORKING****Many People Are Becoming Interested**

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

We have received several letters from ministers voicing their approval of the one dollar a member proposition for the churches. Also they like the plan we offer, of giving a reference Bible having dictionary and concordance.

Some have already written that they have enough collected to get the Bible. We have one hundred of these Bibles ordered and in a few days we can send your Bible when we receive your contribution. We will order others as the supply begins to run down.

Please remember that this does not apply to the one dollar proposition. The minister is not to count what he raises within the church unless he gets as much as twelve dollars above the church quota. You must not get less than twelve dollars. You may solicit for this anywhere. If any of the members desire to help you after they have given their amount to the church, this is all right.

We desire that every minister send for a card. We will not exclude the members if any feel that they would like to enlist in this great cause of the Lord, in helping to lift the burden off His church.

I would not care if you would cause me to have to order a thousand Bibles.

Two ministers who have raised enough individually told me that they were going to give their Bible to the member in the church who raised the most money by Easter. I am certainly thankful to the ministers for the way they are rallying to this important matter.

**Who Shall Separate Us**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecutions, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

For thy sake we are killed all the day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Many times through life we meet with these trials that the enemy brings because we are serving the Lord.

O it means something when we say, for thy sake we are killed all the day long for when self would speak or act anyway at any time the love of God will kill self that we can say for thy sake, Lord we are killed all the day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Some will say, how is it for Christ that we suffer wrong. When we reach the place that we can suffer tribulation, distress, persecution and all without complaining or pleading for self that every thought and word for self can be subject to the will of God, we will be more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Praise His holy name. I feel His presence and power just now. We want to reach the place that nothing will be able to separate us from the great love of God. Ah, that every word will be for the glory of God and what we do and say will be for the glory of God.

If we keep our eyes on Jesus the cross will be so light that we can bear it rejoicing, but when we stop to examine the cross to see how heavy it is and sympathize with self when the burdens are almost more than we can bear, it is then that we faint by the wayside. Let us have the mind of Christ in us, it will make us more than conquerors of all these things. Acknowledge the Lord in all our ways and He will direct our path.

I had started to see a lady once. At the time I was to leave or rather start on the journey, I heard the sweetest music just over my head. I can never forget the sacredness of that music as it circled around and came nearer until it seemed to be in the room with us. We heard a still small voice forbidding the journey that we were about to take. I am persuaded to believe that the angel of the Lord was encamping round about us. Bless His name. If we suffer with Him we will also reign with Him. O blessed thought of being joint heirs with Jesus. We know that it is His will for us to reign with Him.

I earnestly covet the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer that I will hold our faithful and be a soul winner for God.—Mrs. J. E. Goodson, Naples, Fla.

**STANDING ON THE ARMS OF GOD**

FORREST CITY, Ark.—I thank God for being so good to me, and for His many blessings. I love Him with my whole heart. I want to say I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am glad that Jesus has brought me out of darkness into this wonderful light.

We trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies when we get sick. He healed me of a cancer, and I give Him all the praise. I am so thankful to God that I can stand on His promises and His Word. I mean to go thru with Jesus by His help. The Lord said for us to walk in the light, and we shall find rest for our souls.

I had the opportunity of attending the State Assembly of Arkansas, and it was wonderful how God blessed us. It put a desire in my heart to do more for the Lord even if I am an old man.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I may ever be ready to do the Lord's will at all times.—F. C. Danehower.

**EQUIPMENT FOR THE MINISTRY**

(Continued from page one)

taste. They are used in warming the stomach and expelling gases.

Now the Scribes and Pharisees would do this much, but had left off the weightier matters—judgment, faith and mercy. Jesus says these ye ought to have done and not to leave the other undone. The Scribes and Pharisees were loyal to their ecclesiastical ideas; but they would not accept enough. They wanted to eat their little desserts and not accept the whole. Now if we reverse the thing and act just the reverse to what they did, we are still hypocrites. Let us measure up on all lines, as the text says, and speak the truth in love and thus promote the Cause of Christ and impede the progress of Satan.

**GOD TOOK THE DESIRE OF THE WORLD AWAY**

NEWPORT, Ky.—I am praising God this morning for saving me from sin, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him because He can take the world out of us as well as us out of the world. I have no desire for worldly things. I know He took that desire away.

I praise Him for giving me a son who has remembered God in the days of His youth. Eccl. 12:1. I thank the Lord for the Bible School for it is one of the greatest things I know of. Pray for me and my family that we may ever do God's will.—Roscoe Tipton, 424 W. 7th St.

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## Bible Training School

of Cleveland, Tennessee

T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

### The Lord Will Provide Fear The Lord And Serve Him

I can never tell what Jesus has done for me. I wanted to come to the Assembly this year and I asked the Lord to show me if it was His will for me to come. He let me know that it was His will, and I started out walking. I left Tuesday morning and wanted to get here for the Assembly.

The Lord told me He would make a way for me. When I reached Georgia, a man in one town stopped me and asked me if I had had any breakfast. I told him that I hadn't and he gave me money to get something to eat. In Columbus, Ga., while walking over town trying to find my way out, I found the Church of God. A man there asked me where I was going. I told him I was on my way to the Assembly and he took me home with him for the night and gave me fifty cents which helped me on my way.

When I arrived in Cleveland, I received other help, also a way was opened for me to attend the Bible Training School. I am now in Bible School and the Lord is still providing for me. I am trying to do what Jesus wants me to do. I know if I don't live for Him here in this world, I will not be able to see Him in the next. Pray for me.—Delmer Koon, Ft. White, Fla.

### Serving A God Who Understands All Things

Dear reader: I am glad I have the privilege of writing an article in the Evangel, as a Bible student. I am saved, sanctified and have received the precious Holy Ghost since I came here.

This is my first year in Bible School and I am glad to attend a school like this, where the mighty power of God falls. The Lord blesses us in a wonderful way, and makes us feel good. These blessings make me more hungry to go on with the Lord. I thank Him for hearing and answering prayer. We are serving a God who understands all things. He has promised to be with us all the way.

On Friday afternoon we have preaching services by the students and we look forward each week to this time because we expect a feast of good things from God. We have had six weeks of school already and God has in that short while, blessed in such a manner that we know He approves of this school as a place for young people as well as older ones. I feel like pressing on and I want to reach out for more of the good things in God's storehouse of blessings. Christians, pray for me that I will stay true and be a shining light for Jesus.—Eva Butler, Plaza, N. Dak.

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### Desires To Be In Bible School

HARRIS, Ky.—Dear Bible School Students, and saints everywhere: I am taking the Bible Training School Course by Correspondence, but O how I wish I could be in school this morning. It seemed as though the Lord provided a way for me to attend and I did not accept it. I thought probably I had better not go, so I did not and now I am reaping those evil thoughts in tears.

I have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost for over eight years and I feel that I still have victory in my soul this morning. Praise God. I am twenty-two years of age, and in all my lifetime I have had only one opportunity to hear a Church of God preacher. I prayed for years that the Lord would send one to this place, and I truly thank Him because He sent Brother J. A. Muncy and Brother Elisha Mayse from Ravenna, Ky. I heard a sinner say "They preached things that other preachers were afraid to." They promised to come back next year if it be the Lord's will, and not only me, but others are longing for that time to come, when we may have them with us again. We haven't a Church of God pastor. There was a little girl received the baptism in the revival here, but on account of the pastor not being in possession of the blessing he would not allow her to profess it. She greatly desired to tell it, she said, but was kept down. I do pray that the people may see the light on holiness and a Church of God may be established here.

I have again begun praying that the Lord will permit me to attend the Bible School next term and I want all who read this to pray that I may be successful in the Correspondence Course I am now taking. I ask the students to pray that I may be in school with you next year.—(Miss) Rosa Hamilton.

"Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he has done for you." 1 Sam. 12:24.

These are the words of Samuel (the last judge of the Israelites) to the children of Israel, after they had done wickedly in the sight of the Lord, in asking for a king. Samuel admonished them though they had done this, to fear the Lord and serve Him. He also told them to consider the many things the Lord had done for them.

I can never praise the Lord enough for the many great things he has done for me. I praise Him for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying, giving me the blessed Holy Ghost and adding me to the Church of God.

I also praise Him for this great privilege of being in the Bible School. This is a good place to be, because the Lord is here. He blesses us in so many ways that we haven't space to tell about it here, but without a doubt, the Lord has set His approval on the School.

I realize that it is the goodness and mercy of the Lord, and the willingness of others to make a sacrifice that I might enjoy the blessings of the School, that I am here, for which I give Him all the praise. It is my desire to fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all my heart.—Alva Mae McClure, Tampa, Fla.

### He Is Able To Turn The Darkest Hours to Noonday

I am truly thankful for this grand and glorious opportunity of attending the Bible Training School. This is my first term here, but I can truly say it's good to be here and enjoy the good blessings of the Lord. I appreciate and enjoy this School because we "pray often" and we know that prayer is the link that pulls down the power that blesses us, and everybody around. Bless His dear name.

It's wonderful to serve a Savior like this, one who is able to turn the darkest hour to noonday and victory. We know we are in the Lord's will for He never fails us in time of need. He is always in our midst to bless and supply our every need.

We certainly appreciate our teachers, Brother Payne and Brother Walker. They are so kind and patient and show much interest in teaching the students. The Lord has been blessing the School in a wonderful way and as we go away from this place we want to be "willing workers" for Jesus and help to rebuild His great Cause. Pray for me that I will stay humble and be a soul winner for Jesus.—Eula Lee Pate, Birmingham, Ala.

### IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

BOGALUSA, La.—I want to praise my precious Savior for ever picking me up out of sin and putting me on this great highway. I am so glad that this day finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. You know I am glad we can serve a God that can keep us seven days in the week. I trust God with my soul and body. My baby has been very sick, but the saints of God here came and anointed her and prayed the prayers of faith and she was wonderfully healed. I feel just like going on and doing more for my Master this morning than I ever have done before.

We will be so glad when we can get a good, humble Church of God preacher here. We feel just like a lost bunch of sheep without a good shepherd. We have a lot of people here who are interested in this way, some have just gotten in the way. We are working very hard here to build up this church and need some help badly.

I want all the saints of God everywhere to pray for me, also my husband who has started in this way. Remember to pray for the Church here.—Mrs. Lula Mae Sharp.

### Still Serving Jesus In The Beauty of Holiness

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—I am glad I am still saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost, praise the Lord, I'm glad too because we have the privilege of testifying thru the Evangel.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. He has healed me many times. He healed my brother when he was hurt. I want to do His precious will. Pray for me.—N. M. Richmond.

### RECEIVED HIM 10 YEARS AGO

FT. MYERS, Fla.—I am praising the Lord for this salvation. I find Him a great friend when in need. I received the baptism near ten years ago. My brother was brought in a corpse and right then and there I received the Holy Ghost. He took all sadness out of my heart and there was joy in my soul.

I promised the Lord if He would heal my body that I would testify of it thru the Evangel. He healed me for which I praise the Lord, but the enemy is trying to afflict me again. Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. J. R. Runfroe, Box 1467.

### OBITUARIES

#### WILLETT

On September 22d the death angel visited the home of Sister Della Willett and took for his victim a loving companion and father, after a short illness. He lived in this sorrowful world for thirty-six years, seven months and twenty-four days, but Jesus came and took him away.

We would not call him back if we could because we know we will meet him on the other shore if we live right here. Just before he died he lifted his head up and talked in tongues.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, six children, mother, father and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by Brother J. L. Goins of Christopher, Ill., and Brother Bixler of Logan, Ill. He was laid to rest in the Logan Cemetery with three of his little children who went home before him to await the resurrection morn.

A loving one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, which can never be filled.

He is waiting for us in Heaven. I know and calling us to come. How sweet it will be when called To go and live with father at home.—One who loved him, his daughter (Miss) Katherine Willett.

#### ALDRIDGE

On August 17th 1927 the death angel visited our home and claimed as its victim our little sister Lottie Aldridge, age twelve years. She was ill three weeks and three days. All was done that loving hands could do, but God knew best and took her home to be with Him. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God. She spoke in other tongues before the end, and sang one song, "God is calling yet."

She leaves to mourn her loss, mother, four brothers, two sisters and friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. C. Childers and the remains laid to rest in the Harmony Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

My sister is waiting for me above, where sorrow can never more come, and I shall soon see her dear smile of love, in that beautiful heavenly home. She is waiting for me in Heaven. I know and calling me now to come. How sweet it will be when called to go to live with sister at home.

Will the circle be unbroken when we gather round the throne there to live with Christ forever when the toils of life are o'er.

A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled.

A voice we loved is stilled.—One who loved her, her sister, Mrs. Netta Burnside, Lando, S. C.

#### CALLOWAY

Brother T. J. Calloway, Atlanta, Ga., an evangelist in the Church of God went to live with Jesus Thursday a. m. November 17th, 1927, age 72 years. He had been married 50 years to Miss T. J. Preston and to this union there were born six sons and two daughters. He was a member of the Baptist Church for 35 years but when he heard that he could be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost he did not hesitate to accept the full Gospel and was added to the Church of God and has been enjoying the fullness of the blessings of Christ for eighteen years.

He had been in failing health for several months, but would come to the Church when someone would have to assist him to climb the steps, and would always testify to the goodness of God and tell how he felt "in his sanctified soul."

We will miss his presence, love, smiles and encouraging words, especially about Divine Healing. Truly he was faithful unto death and will receive the Crown of Life.

The funeral was conducted at his home by Brother A. Gann and his body laid to rest in East Point Cemetery.—Mrs. A. Gann.

### W. Va. Admires Their Overseer

SALEM, W. Va.—"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." 1 Tim. 5:17. This is why we admire Brother McLain, our State Overseer, for he has already proven himself efficient in the Word and doctrine. I arrived in the state a few days before Brother McLain. I went immediately to the Clarksburg District, the work which had been assigned me for this year. Upon my arrival, on this work I found some things that required immediate attention. In a few days Brother McLain arrived in Huntington, West Va. so on Saturday morning (Nov. 19th) wife and I started in our car enroute from Clarksburg to Huntington. We drove all day and until 1:00 o'clock that night, arriving in Huntington at that hour, we slept about one hour, then we got breakfast, also got Brother McLain.

About daylight we all started back to Clarksburg, so that night about 7:30 we arrived—then the long, monotonous journey came to an end at last. However, Brother McLain seemed to be in the spirit like Gideon of old, "faint, yet pursuing." Accordingly he entered the pulpit and preached a wonderful sermon, and remained in this city for a week, laboring under conditions that were very unfavorable, for he had to contend with an imbroglia, nevertheless, at the end of the week he set the Church of God in order.

We also visited two other churches in this district while he was with us. We enjoyed the several discourses delivered by Brother McLain during his short stay with us. He stands uncompromisingly for the Church of God and he has had years of experience, this is why we admire him.

Now to my brethren and fellow laborers in the ministry, and brethren in West Virginia, let us rally to the front and do our best for God this year, proving ourselves loyal in every respect. By doing so we will support this able man with both offerings and tithes.—Bun E. Hicks, 271 W. Main St., Salem, W. Va.

### CZECHOSLOVAK WORK IN NEW YORK CITY

John Barr

This is a field seldom heard of, but God is wonderfully working in our midst, and we can report victory. This assembly is at Olivet Memorial Church, E. 2d Street, New York and is open for all but especially for Czechs and Slovaks, of whom there are about 75,000 in this City. Many of these are overcome by the influence of evil which is now being spread in every nation, and in order to help them we must bring them to a place where they can understand the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and appreciate the grace of God given to them.

The sole purpose of this mission is to bring souls to Christ and although it is a very difficult work we have some of these people come to us from out of the city to hear the Gospel preached in its fullness in their own language. We have had Russians, Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, Irish, English, Turkish, Polish, Italian, Armenian, and others whom I cannot at this time recollect, baptized with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

We hold open air services when the weather permits in English and Czechoslovak language. Here groups of people are attracted by the preaching of the Gospel because it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

Brethren pray for this field that many may be added to the Church and missionaries may be sent to the needy land of Czechoslovakia in Central Europe.

The pastor, Brother Anton Huba, announces clearly that by the full Gospel he means Bible repentance, Salvation, Sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Divine Healing thru the atonement, and the second coming of our Lord.

### TRUSTING GOD WITH MY SOUL AND BODY

BOGALUSA, La.—I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and on the road to Heaven. I am so glad that I can trust God with my soul and body. I am sorry to say I served old Satan for nineteen years and have been serving my Master only one month, but I am glad the Lord saw fit to pick me up and put me in this good way. I want all the saints to pray for me that I may stay humble at the cross and do my Master's will.—Dewitt Sharp.

### Orphanage Report

Nov. 1st to Dec. 1st.

The following from Columbia, S. C. sent cloth: W. H. Baker, 100 yds.; J. H. Hembue, 50 yds.; Robt. Kelly, 50 yds.; Florence Derrick, 50 yds.; L. L. Driggers, 100 yds.; Nell Cooper, 50 yds.; Lanie Powers, 50 yds.; Wm. Mims, 2 yds.; W. E. Miller, 50 yds.; G. P. Paschal, 50 yds.; John Brazzell, 100 yds.; W. L. Coleman, 50 yds.; Ben Grider, 25 yards; John Frasier, 25 yds.; Ed Elmore, 25 yards; E. L. Tarlton, 25 yds.; R. E. Courtney, 25 yds.; Frank Kirkland, 20 yds.; W. H. Burf, 100 yds.; B. W. Matthews, 50 yds.; W. R. Galloway, 25 yds.; Ella Hutchinson, 25 yds.; J. M. Calvin, 25 yds.; Vera Burnett, 25 yds.; H. Falley, 50 yds.; Fred Talory, 25 yds.; Palmetto Mill, 100 yds.

J. A. Spiver, pencils, 25c; Lula Chatman, 4 tablets; Della Tuttle, 6 yds. cloth; Lida Hinson, 1 sheet, 1 pr. pillow cases; Leaner Roads, 1 sheet; Willie James, 2 spools thread; Melvins Lesley, 1 pr. shoes; Annie Timmons, 1 dress, 3 slips, 4 prs. pants, 1 gown, 1 blouse; Pauline Moore, 1 cake soap; Pearl Hinson, 1 crepe bundle; Bryant Hinson, 2 prs. shoes; Louise Moore, 1 cake soap; Dessie Moore, 1 cake soap; Harold Moore, 1 cake soap; O. J. Moore, 1 cake soap; Bulah Calvin, 1 dress; John Henry Calvin, 1 shirt; Mrs. Brown, 1 pr. shoes; Alice Johnson, 2 blouses; Mrs. Lestly, 1 quilt top; Alvin Lestly, 1 suit; Sally Crough, 1 quilt top; Grace Vaughan, 1 cake soap; Leatha Outlaw, 6 yds. cloth; Carrie Stutes, 1 middle blouse; Mary Calvin, 1 yd. cloth; Rosell Timmons, 1 spool thd.; Bonnie Calvin, 1 yd. cloth; Paul Calvin, 1 yd. cloth; Mrs. Calvin, 1 yd. cloth. The above were solicited by Sister Lida Hinson, Columbia, S. C.

Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn., nice box buns, 3 10c cakes, 9 loaves bread; Mrs. J. L. B. Poarch, Calhoun, Ga., 1 dress; Mrs. W. J. Nelms, Hazelhurst, Ga., 85 lbs. meal; Mrs. Ethel Cosand, White Cloud, Mich., 5 prs. shoes, 2 girls' coats, 1 union suit, 1 slip (worn); Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn., 1 box buns, 9 loaves bread; Mrs. D. L. Mallock, Parkersburg, W. Va., 13 jars jelly; Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn., 6 nice boxes buns.

#### CASH

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### A FAILURE WITHOUT JESUS

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—I truly praise God for what He is to me. I realize that without Him, I could do nothing. I am so glad I ever learned to love Him. He is so precious to me. I want all of you dear saints to pray for me that I will be sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost, also that I will do His will at all times and stay humble and true to Him.—Mrs. G. H. Klein.

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## RECEIVING THE WORD

### "Hear Ye Therefore The Parable of the Sower"

Robert Hill

Text.—Matt. 13:18-23.

And there were gathered unto Him great multitudes so that He entered into the boat and sat; and all the multitude sat on the beach.

The farmer will have no trouble picturing this scene, as He was here speaking to the small Galilean farmers. We first see Him step into a little fisherman's boat and row out a little way from the shore. The eager masses are standing on the shore, longing to hear Him open His mouth to speak from His anointed lips, the everlasting Gospel of saving grace and love toward fallen man. Just beyond and above are the little Galilean hillside farms, and as he looks out over them, He does not see the concrete highway running thru their farms that run thru many of the great farms of today. But instead, He sees the crooked footpaths that run here and there, beaten hard by long and frequent traveling, and this affords the natural setting for the beautiful parable of the sower and his soils, preached from the lips of the greatest preacher or prophet that ever trod the soil of earth.

But why this parable? As he looks out over the little footpaths running hither and thither, and sees the poor-Galilean sower as he swings his arm, so gracefully scattering the seed over the soil. He sees some falling on the hard trodden soil along these paths, and as He is well acquainted with all classes of people, He sees one of the greatest opportunities for sowing the seed of the Kingdom. Now He is ready to describe the four kinds of hearers and to show what kind of soil to look for in God's husbandry.

Here is the little hillside farmer, sowing his seed, some falling on hard ground, some falling on stony ground, some falling among thorns and some falling in good soil. As some falls on the footpaths, Jesus spontaneously calls attention to this and remarks, that this seed will be eaten by the birds. Of course they understand this. But He explains farther, there are hearts here just like this. There are hearts today in the same condition. These hard paths are the hard hearts which have heard the Word preached time and again and have become so hardened that it no longer has effect on them. We sometimes call them "Gospel hardened." Some of these hearts, I'm sorry to say, are right in the Holiness ranks today. Is there any hope for such hearts? Yes, there is yet hope. Hearts that have become hardened can be broken up, plowed deep and prepared for a new crop; but they must break up the fallow ground of their hearts. Yea, the heart must be broken and tears be made to flow. A broken and a contrite spirit, God will smile upon and bless. Oh what clever insight! How well this hard ground describes many modern hearts of today. How little impression the high and holy calling makes on the modern business man of today, who is wholly absorbed in his personal affairs; on the covetous man, or the woman, who is busily engaged with social engagements. These are well nigh deaf to the blessed Redeemer's call to repentance for sin. Many, many, go to church, but leave their hearts at home, or elsewhere. Many come altogether for worship, but their minds are on the farm, the store, the office, the automobile, or something concerning the affairs of this life. Some have their hearts and minds on the funny paper, the ball game, or the Monday business transaction. Oh, I tell you sincere devotion and an honest heart desire to worship God is lacking, and must be revived in the Church goes or hell will be their doom. Hell is God's dumping ground for the refuse and rubbish.

So many lose their first love and their hearts become hard. What does this mean? First love? It simply means that when we first accepted Jesus as our personal Savior and He made us sons and daughters of the most high God by the new birth and sanctified us by His own precious BLOOD, we had perfect love and He was always first in everything, yes thank God, He was first in our lives at the table, in the home, in the store, on the streets, in the automobile and we would read the Bible instead of the Sunday newspaper altogether; we would be praying instead of joy riding; we would be reading His word instead of Mutt and Jeff and singing and praising God instead of discussing the faults of others. Oh God, do help us to break up these fallow hearts until we can travel in birth until sons and daughters are born into thy Kingdom. "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." I wonder how many hard hearts there are in heaven. I wonder how much evil surmising, backbiting and humanism there is up there. My God, give us Holy Ghost conviction, genuine repentance, confession, restitution and a forsaking of sin, yea, a holy heart, a baptized life with fire from the habitation of the triune God.

To break up the hard heart, many times requires trials, losses and disappointments. Want and suffering in a far country, many times brings the prodigal to his senses and brings him back home. Sometimes it takes poverty to do this, and I say, "Oh God, do send it, if that is what it takes. Yes break their hearts." There is hope in a broken heart.

Then there are the rocky places which are covered with a thin layer of soil and seed that falls here, soon becomes moist and warm and sprout and spring up very quickly. (Toad stool religion). A toad stool springs up over night and when you touch one, over it goes. It is quickly withers as it springs up, because it has no depth of earth in which to root. We have such heart soil in every community. Do you remember that last revival, when John and Mary got thru again? but the meeting closed and the big crowd left and soon John's and Mary's religion was gone. Such hearts are easily stirred, but it is not real Holy Ghost conviction for sin, it is nothing more than human religion, because the grace of God that bringeth salvation, fills and thrills every nerve and fiber in the whole being, and puts a shout in the soul. Yea you are happily shouting if you are saved by GRACE. By this I do not mean that you will always be leaping, jumping and making a noise, but there will be peace and joy in the middle of your soul, and some times a shout at least. The experience that soon withers is not the supernatural, but alas, it is superficial. Such folks make good stage performers but will not bear the test of difficulties along the narrow way. Such experience will not stand the way of the rugged cross, but bless God, the way of the cross leads home. Usually such folks are long on creeds but short on deeds. They soon become unsympathetic, uncharitable and unloving toward others. We must allow our life blood to be tapped for righteousness' sake. Jesus says this class has no root in themselves. Certainly their religion is rooted only in incidents of the occasion; it lacks intelligence and understanding which accounts for an experience of this kind. It simply lacks Jesus Christ; it lacks the atoning BLOOD; it lacks the BLOOD cure for sin and uncleanness. Can't these hearts be helped? Yes, but they will require some smashing blows. It is dangerous to wait for the weathering years to condition them, and to be left to the storms of fate, but these unpromising souls will surely be left, unless there is something done for them.

"Sown among thorns." How foolish Mr. Sower. Don't you know that if the briars and weeds are not rooted out, the harvest will be choked? The tender plants cannot thrive and grow in weeds, and what are the weeds? Simply cares of this world, worldly worries, the delight of having money, fine clothes and many other things of a carnal nature, fill the focus of the heart. Jesus is selective and demands the WHOLE HEART. He declares we cannot serve God and mammon. He certainly condemns the man or woman who takes just enough time for his religion to keep up a show of piety. This life is "unfruitful." He has gone to church for years and has come to know his conventional place, but his life has never come to fruition. It has plenty of pretention, (foliage) but no fruit. Other interests have sapped his, or her vitality, yea sapped the very heart of the CHRIST LIFE and this thorny heart cannot be helped until it fully renounces its love for the material things of this world and earnestly seeks the Kingdom of God in HIS righteousness.

"Sown upon good ground." How well the farmer knows that here is where he reaps his harvest. How well God, the husbandman, knows that here is where He can look for fruit. "Some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold." Thank God for these honest true hearts who love the Truth and can feast on the whole Word of God, and seeking first brings its own full harvest.

Finally everyone is his own soil fixer. He can plow up the hard heart which has been trodden by the lumbering invasions, blast into perfect condition the rocky places, root out the thorns of money-love and the love for worldly things, and open up the very heart and soul to the holy, true and lovable things of God. To do this one must hear perfectly. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Thus, we have dealt briefly with the four kinds of hearers, and now we find two kinds of sowers recorded in 2 Sam. 18:19-32, about the sending of two messengers to carry the news to King David at the time the great battle was fought and the rebellious Absalom was slain. All Bible characters are true to nature and are recorded for a special purpose. The two messengers were Ahimaaz, which signifies powerful, and Cush, which signifies black, the color of an Ethiopian. Let us now notice the contrast between the two messengers (sowers). Ahimaaz begged Joab to let him run and bear the news to David. He did not wait for anyone to choose him, but he chose himself and pushed himself forward for the job. On the other hand, Cush was a humble man and did not push forward to carry the message, but he was chosen by Joab and sent with special orders by carry

the news of the death of Absalom. This illustrates the two kinds of preachers and messengers in all the various dispensations, and they are numerous today, that is the self-appointed ones, but few are really chosen of God, yea few have the proper heart soil and the proper fruitage to bear the Gospel message with soul-burdened hearts for the lost. The one class push themselves forward, think they have a message and insist on doing something which they are not qualified to do, but the other class is DIVINELY CHOSEN of God to do a work that no one else can do. The first man was powerfully strong and a fast runner in his own estimation; but the second who was black, was a humble man and waited for others to appreciate his ability. Ahimaaz had only heard a great noise on the battlefield but did not know what the trouble was. But Cush, the chosen messenger, had seen the death of Absalom and was acquainted with all the facts.

How true it is that those who run without being sent under special orders, do so in the strength of mere nature and go by impressions and voluntary feelings. They see a big crowd and hear a big noise and they then think they know a lot and want to do something great in their own eyes.

The true messenger has a positive knowledge and a perfect assurance, yea, he knows the truth, thank God he knows that he knows it. Ahimaaz was a swift runner and got there first, but when he got there he did not have any definite news. This illustrates the fact that the man without a message tells everything but the right thing, also that a lie will travel faster than the truth. It shows that error is always swift; error can go ten miles while truth is putting on its boots, but when error gets there, it fails to give satisfaction. Bless God, when Cush, the slow runner got there, he had positive facts to tell and could give satisfactory information, Cush had the goods. Don't you see the contrast? That which is empty has great speed; that which is full goes slow, but it is the full charge that is needed, yea charged and recharged with heavenly dynamite, full to the brim and not pop off at the wrong time. A heretic will work fast and draw a crowd but fails to give satisfaction, fails to stand, but the true prophet of God goes slow but his work will abide.

The first messenger fired a blank cartridge, but the second one fired a dynamite bomb that shook things from center to circumference. This illustrates the difference in the Spirit and the flesh. Thus we have the four kinds of hearers and the two kinds of sowers.

### Put Your Shoulder To The Wheel

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—I feel impressed to write a few lines to the Evangel, as it has been some time since I wrote. This still finds me with victory in my soul and still marching on up the King's Highway for Jesus. I have rheumatism, and earnestly desire the prayers of the saints that God may heal me. The Lord has healed me and my family many times and I am sure He is the same yesterday today and forever.

We have moved to this place where there is no Church of God, but we want to try to get a place in which to worship, as Brother Collins is here and the Lord is blessing and I know God is able to give us a suitable place. We want to know and do His entire will. We ask the saints to pray for our unsaved children, who are out of the ark of safety, that God will save them before it is too late. We can see so much sin on every hand and how the devil has the people deceived, it is time we, as children of God were waking up and getting our shoulders to the wheel.—Agnes Whitaker.

### LOOKING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

ERWIN, Tenn.—I want to try to tell what my dear Savior has done for me. One night in August 1927, while in a revival, the Lord sent conviction to my mother's heart. She went to the altar but did not get saved that night. The next night she was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I was also saved and sanctified. The following night I was filled with the precious Holy Ghost. A little while after this, my father was saved and is now seeking sanctification. Mother and I united with the Church of God.

I want to do the things which would please the Lord as I journey thru the world. The Lord has healed me lots of times and has healed my little brother. I thank Him for His great healing power. Praise His dear name. My heart's desire is to get closer to Jesus every day and help to bring poor sinners to the way of salvation. It is awful to see sinners going out of this world to spend eternity in everlasting punishment. We must pray hard for more lost souls to come to Christ. Pray for us to live true to Jesus.—Gertrude Miller, Route 1 Box 108.

### PRAISE THE LORD

PARKERS LANDING, Pa.—I can say "Praise the Lord" this morning, for I have salvation, salvation that is free, I have it and it just suits me. I am glad that while the devil is doing all that he can these days against God's people we can look up and praise the dear Lord. As I was sitting here and thinking of how good God is to us this Scripture came into my mind—John 15:1. "I am the vine and my father is the husbandman." Glory to God, for the vine. The 55th verse says "I am the vine and ye are the branches. He that abideth in me and I in Him the same bringeth forth much fruit for without me ye can do nothing." Then, we see that without Him we can do nothing, but through Him we can do all things. When we read His Word, we can see it is a Living Word.

We will take the grape vine, first we get the root and then the vine comes forth and when we see the branches come forth, then we know the sap is going thru and the fruit begins to grow. So it is with us. He is the vine; we are the branches and when the sap begins to flow through, which is the Holy Ghost, we begin to bear good fruit unto righteousness. Every branch that beareth not fruit He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. I feel that this is the purging time, for we see that the great falling away time is on. Pray for the church at Six Points, Pa., as the devil is working hard against it. The devil seems to be trying to afflict the saints' bodies at this place to keep them from service. Pray that they may be healed and be able to come out and do service for Him.—Austin Thompson.

### NO TIME FOR IDLE MOMENTS

DILLON, S. C.—Praise the Lord for the many blessings He is bestowing on us each day. I am yet in the good way, traveling toward the celestial city. Surely it won't be long till Jesus comes. The world is growing so desperately wicked; evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived; many are falling away from the true path, being led by these seducers. Oh! how we as people of God, need to keep on the firing line where we can do something to help rescue poor lost souls.

We are in need of brave soldiers who do not mind hard battles and who will work even if they don't have ham, chicken or cake. I am made to believe that if the preachers were guaranteed a fat living and a fine car to ride in, that we would soon have more preachers than we could do anything with. But there are only a few who are willing to go and trust God. I thought until last year, that husband had to work in the mill to help support our large family, but Brother Raney sent us over to Dillon and told us to put our time into the work of the churches and trust God. We obeyed (for the Bible says obey them that have the rule over you) and the Lord has wonderfully supplied our needs.

We have four churches for another year, which will keep us real busy, but why should we want any idle moments? Time is too precious to lose any. Brother Daniels, a faithful young preacher, will assist us over here. We are expecting great things from the Lord. Praise Him, I feel His sweet presence now. I know we shouldn't trust our feelings. We must walk by faith, trust God, but oh, how good we feel when we do right.

We are glad to tell you that some of our members who left us and went elsewhere to find the Church of God, have come back with us, for we know we are in the Church of God that Jesus gave His life for. Pray for us over here. The harvest is great the laborers few.—Yours in the faith, Nettie Hanvey, Route 2.

### BACK IN THE FOLD

DILLON, S. C.—I am glad I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost and I am back in the Church of God which I love with all my heart. I am sorry I left the Church and ask all of you to forgive me.

Brethren and sisters, let us pray for a world wide revival, pray that souls will come thru to victory and that the Church of God may rise and shine. Please pray for me to get right where the Lord can use me, also pray for the church at Bunker Hill. The devil is at work but we are looking for God to give victory and save many souls.—Willie G. Rogers, Route 1.

### DOESN'T WANT TO MISS HEAVEN

FT. WHITE, Fla.—I am truly praising the Lord for what He is to me, for taking the desire of tobacco from me and for adding me to His church, for healing me when I get sick and for many other things. All who know the worth of prayer, pray that the Lord will give me the Holy Ghost.

I don't want to miss heaven. Pray that I will stay humble at the foot of the cross till He comes or calls.—Belle Koon.

## A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Ezek. 36:27.

"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

When we become a member of the heaven bound family, we have this Spirit of Christ within us, it will guide our steps and thoughts, and our very being is enraptured with this wonderful Spirit. It will cause us to walk in the statutes of God and the words of God shall be so rooted and grounded in our hearts and minds till we will keep His judgments and do them as the Scripture has said.

There is a salvation that we can know about. John 14:17. When our life is Spirit-filled and our line up in good order, we can ring Jesus and say, "give me the Father," as Jesus is the operator. In order to have the line in good order, we must keep the commandments and do the things that are pleasing in the sight of the Lord. We must do His will, do the small things along with the more weightier things and when we need more of God and feel the supply getting low, that is, we feel the need of prayer, we can ring Jesus and get in touch with the Father and He will bountifully give us a new supply of His Spirit.

There is no need for one who has been filled with the Spirit, to grope around in darkness, not knowing what to do. So many are led in the wrong way because they have let the oil leak out of their vessel. If you have the mind of Christ, you are led by His blessed Spirit. How wonderful it is to have a Spirit-filled life and to know that we are not groping in darkness but have the mind that Jesus had, to lead and guide us in this walk of life. Praise His name.

We should all have the mind of Christ to discern the real from the false. The Word tells us to try the spirits. How I long for that day when God's children shall be rewarded. The Word tells us about entertaining strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unwares.

Mal. 2:10 "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?" Why do we not all love one another and be fair with one another? Are we all not expecting to live with Jesus? How do we expect to live with Him when we don't love one another, for love is the fulfillment of the law; love covers a multitude of sins. Why do we deal treacherously with one another? Is this a Spirit-filled life, does this show the mind of Christ or does it prove you are abiding in the vine? Have we not all one father and are we not all His children and abide in Him?

Imagine that we can hear the Pharisee praying, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." This Pharisee had a boastful feeling that he was something when he was nothing. God wants us to be meek and humble, preferring others before ourselves. We need to feel and know that we are nothing without God.

Now take a look at the Publican and hear him pray. He felt his unworthiness and we see him standing afar off; he would not even so much as lift up his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:13-14. The Publican felt he was lost and undone without God, but he came to God in an humble manner and the Word says he returned to his house justified rather than the Pharisee who felt no humbleness nor the need of more of God. Will we meet the judgment as this Pharisee? Oh, that people could see the realness of Jesus and the beauty of this salvation, a meek, Spirit-filled life.

Now as we hear Jesus speaking to Israel, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this. Thou shalt love the neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment

greater than these. And the Scribes said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he. Mark 12:29-32.

We see that love is the fulfillment of the law. We should abide in love and if we abide in love, we have a Spirit-filled life and Christ will shine forth for Himself. A Spirit-filled Christian is like a light set on a hill that cannot be hid. If you have the mind of Christ and are abiding in the vine, rivers of living waters will be over-flowing in your soul and others around you will see the realness of salvation and will begin to realize they are living in a famine stricken area (spiritually speaking). They will begin to want the living water where by they will never thirst again.

How wonderful to have a life filled with the Spirit and be where you can feel the presence of God and hear Him speaking to your very heart, telling you what He wants you to be and do, just as our earthly father does. When this life is over, if we are permitted to look on the trials that have come our way down here, it will look as nothing compared with the wonders of Heaven. He has gone away for a short period of time to prepare mansions for the overcomers. The beauty of those homes will far excel anything this world affords with all its silver and gold. There will be no more disappointments or heartaches, but continuous rejoicing and praising God throughout eternity. Can you catch a vision of this wonderful reward which He has in store for the Spirit-filled, those who are abiding in the vine and have the mind of Christ?

Is this not worth bearing and enduring a few things for? How so many struggle to obtain things of this world, things which perish and soon pass away, but this wonderful place of bliss is not perishable, but will last forever and ever. When we have lived there one thousand years, we will have no less time to stay. We don't know what will take place on the morrow. This little brittle thread of life can be snapped away so very easily and then we will have to face God prepared or unprepared. If we are filled with the Spirit and have lived a victorious life, we are looking forward to the things of the next life. Let's put on the wedding garment and put some fine needle work in it by being very obedient unto God and prove that we have the Spirit in our lives.

Mal. 2:6. "The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity." This is what a Spirit-filled life is. Oh the wonderfulness of this life that we see so many missing when they go after their own will.—Mrs. C. B. Carleton.

### Loves The Evangel

ROSWELL, Ga.—I am asking the Editor to allow me space in the little Evangel, the paper which I love so well. I want to praise the Lord for His goodness and mercies unto me and my family. He is our help in time of need and helps us when we are sick, also gives us joy, peace and happiness. It makes me want to work and tell to this lost world what He has done for me. He has saved my soul, sanctified and made me whole, therefore I want to work for Him till He comes or calls.—J. T. Harris.

### Way Grows Brighter All The Time

BOGALUSA, La.—I am thanking and praising God this morning for what He is to me. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God, the body of Christ. He leads and guides us in His footsteps, as to what to say and do. He comforts us when we are in sorrow and trouble, indeed He is a present help in time of need. I also recommend Jesus as my healer. I haven't been in this way very long, but the way grows brighter all the time. I want all the dear saints to pray for me that I may ever live for Jesus, also pray for the Church here.—(Miss) Ruth Moran.

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